

I am writing to express that Sinclair Broadcasting is doing a poor job of serving our community. This conservative-leaning corporation has ordered 62 local stations, many in battleground states, to preempt regular programming to air a John Kerry smear piece, "Stolen Honor," two weeks before the election. This unprecedented move is direct electioneering by a corporate media giant and is against federal election law.

Sinclair stations use public airwaves free of charge and are required by law to serve the public interest. One-sided programs like "Stolen Honor" do not, and are harmful to our democracy. Sinclair is a sad but true example of the dangers of media consolidation, specifically how Big Media is suffocating journalism and democracy itself.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. The license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you for your consideration.